

Caucus to Launch 'Learning Program'

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The Democratic Black Leadership Caucus, a state-wide coalition of black leaders, is preparing to launch a "prescriptive learning" program geared to aid black students having problems in school, particularly 11th graders about to face the competency test in November.

This project will be conducted in at least 20 counties, say organizers, by volunteers who have received special training provided by the caucus.

State Sen. Clarence Lightner, D-Wake, caucus president, said in a telephone interview, "We realize that the state is going to do something, but it's always better to have our own."

"In this first year, we are interested in salvaging as many of these youngsters as possible who are going to be thrust into life without diplomas," said Lightner.

"We feel this competency test is being brought on at an accelerated rate that will do us some damage," he added.

The impetus to this program is the new state-mandated competency and annual testing program. Dry runs of the competency test and the first application of the annual tests have shown black and poor students achieving at a lower rate than other students.

During the past summer, scattered groups and institutions throughout the state have held tutoring sessions and remedial workshops geared to aid students likely to have problems with the tests.

A coalition has also been formed to try to block the implementation of the test by boycotts, if necessary, and the state NAACP is considering filing suit to stop the test.

Details of the plan will likely be unveiled at the

caucus meeting this weekend at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Coordinators of the project are Dr. Richard Mizell, an associate professor of psychiatry at N.C. Central University who designed the learning materials to be used, and Barbara Wills, state coordinator of volunteer services in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development who is helping to organize the program.

Mizell said by telephone, "It (the program) is designed to expose students to some of the issues and things they will be dealing with in the testing program."

"The instructional materials are designed from the actual material in the tests," he added. "We looked at each objective and designed an activity based around it."

"It's a prescriptive program we will test them and if they are not performing at least an 80 per cent level,

we will work on the areas where they are weak," said the learning specialist.

Mizell said, "There is a built-in portion for parents; parents should also come to be exposed to some of these things." He said parental involvement would greatly aid the student's progress.

Wills said several workshops will be held around the state during which lay volunteers will be instructed in how to conduct the program more...

The volunteers would hold sessions after school two or three days a week in homes, churches or possible even the schools themselves.

However, Mizell said the program is not in competition with the schools. "We consider" this program not to be taking the place, but to complement what they're being exposed to in the traditional classroom setting."

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Alumni and Friends Eyes UNC Report

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The North Carolina Alumni and Friends Coalition is organizing a Winston-Salem-Greensboro area committee to make a major impact on the University of North Carolina systems upcoming study of program duplication among Winston-Salem State, N.C. A&T State and UNC-Greensboro.

Plans for the committee were unveiled during the first regional meeting of the coalition, held Saturday at Winston-Salem State. Speakers during the session called the program duplication report, due December 1, one of the most critical parts of the UNC desegregation plan.

Among those present at the luncheon meeting were state personnel director Harold Webb, the main speaker; assistant secretary of natural resources and community development Eva Clayton; WSSU chancellor H. Douglas Covington; county commissioner Mazie Woodruff and local NAACP president Patrick Hairston.

The coalition is made up of the national alumni associations of the five historically-black state-supported universities. The group was organized in 1973 to promote strengthening of the five schools.

Quether Wilkins, WSSU's alumni representative to the coalition and interim co-chairman of the new committee, said, "We don't want to see the same thing happen to our universities that happened to our high schools during desegregation."

"The most significant issue is enough funding," said Wilkins. "We need more funds so the universities can pull themselves up. I can't see closing down the nursing program at WSSU when it really hasn't been given the resources it needs."

Nursing schools will be an important issue in the Winston-Salem Greensboro Study. All three of the state schools have nursing programs.

The programs at A&T and WSSU have received unfavorable publicity because of relatively high rates of failure by their

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Plenty To Do

There was a lot going on over the Labor Day weekend, whatever one's interest. To name a few events, the Businessmen's Action League drew several thousand spectators to the downtown mall for its Black Art Festival and Winston-Salem State played THE GAME against A&T. We bring you the sights of last weekend with two special picture displays.

On page seven, admire some of the winning exhibits in the festival and on page twelve, check out the "anatomy of a victory."

To give you a couple of samples, Charles Robinson (left) displays his first prize winning painting at the mall and Coach Bill Hayes looks on with concern.



all for you

LOWER WAGES are paid N.C. factory workers than any other Southern state, see page 2.

BATTERED WOMEN have a place they can go to for shelter, get the details on page 3.

EAST WINSTON library has a rejuvenation, see Editorials, page 4; plus the introduction of the latest idea from Henry's fertile mind, "Black Everyman."

TRANSCRIPT of the Neal-Horton issues forum begins on page 5.

CHRONICLE PROFILE features a man who can't escape music on page 7.

BOHANNON, a drummer who moves to his own beat, tells about his views of music in Vibes, page 8.

BLACK ON SPORTS goes out on the limb again in favor of the mighty Rams, page 11.

Women Find Success

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There are many ways to measure success. Some people measure a person's success by the car he drives, the house he lives in or the type of job he has.

For some time, the only way some women measured their success was through their husbands. They were Mr. X's wife or their husband was Mr. X.

Today women are making great strides by achieving success in their own right. Many women today are seeking out careers in addition to or instead of marriage. Through their careers they have achieved success and recognition in their own right.

We talked to five women in five different fields who have chosen the path of having careers and have found

a measure of success. We spoke to Gwendolyn Andrews, a Director of Nursing, Elaine Gray, Music Director for a radio station, Annie Hairston, an elementary school principal, Annie Kennedy an attorney at law and Georgia Smith, Branch Manager of a bank.

GWEN ANDREWS has been the Director of Nursing at Baptist Hospital for the last four years. She was also the director of nursing at Reynolds Hospital, and an instructor of nursing at Winston-Salem State University.

Andrews said that her advancement at Baptist hospital happened quickly. She arrived at the hospital in 1970 as an assistant nursing director and

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Aldermen Oppose Mayor's Nominees

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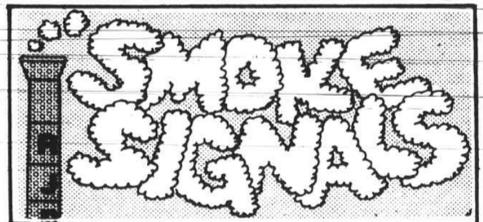
The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen delayed action on selecting volunteers to serve on various city boards and commissions because of disagreements between some of the Aldermen.

The appointments to the boards made by Mayor Wayne Corpening were met with substitute nominees by some of the Aldermen. In the prepared agenda, Corpening had listed a set of nominees to the various committees. When the Aldermen began to vote, Alderman John J. Cavanagh substituted the name of Henry Lauerman for J. Clifton Harper to the Board of Alcoholic Control, which was approved.

However when Alderman Larry Little asked that Evelyn Terry be nominated for Chairman of the board of Alcoholic Control, he was met with opposition.

Alderman Jon Devries said that names should be

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Racism is not always as blatant as burning crosses or "strange fruit" on southern tree limbs. It can sometimes be as inadvertent as a mud splash from a passing car: still damaging, but not quite actionable.

They were a young black couple, buying their baby her first pair of "walking shoes." While the mother and the saleslady wrestled with the squirming toddler and her stiff, new shoes, the father hunched in the waiting chair at a distance observing the ritual of purchase.

A blonde lady in a purple-flowery dress was sitting in the chair next to the father. Her shoes were off, and she was waiting for the clerk who had vanished into the stockroom with her size and style number.

The blonde lady suddenly leaned over, all smiles. "What a pretty baby!" she exclaimed. There was a glow to his smile. "Thanks," he murmured.

"How old is she?" He supplied the answer, glancing fondly at his offspring clumping before the mirror in new shoes.

The conversation progressed to "How much does she weigh?" and "What's her name?" and the sort of chatty baby questions parents always get. The father was happily telling the stranger all the funny little baby stories about his pride and joy.

Suddenly in the same bright voice, the blonde lady asked: "And are you two married?"

His "yes" was nearly inaudible. As the shoes were wrapped and paid for, the conversation between the blonde lady and the father faltered on. It was different, somehow, but the blonde lady didn't seem to notice. Now her bright questions were answered "yes" and "no" in a monotone. He wasn't really listening any more.

The purchase was completed, and he stood up to join his wife. As he opened the door for her and they left the store, he said to his wife in a quiet, angry voice: "She asked if we were married. She wouldn't have asked that if we were white."

Sharyn Bratcher



The ESR Softball Champions of Piedmont Circle are pictured with Earl Monroe at the ESR AWARD's

Banquet, which was held Friday night at the Benton Convention Center.